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PATH OF DEATH.

Several Hundred People Killed
and Many Wounded.

Millions of Dollars Worth
of Property Destroyed

By the Most Terrible Cyclone in
the History of the Country.

St. Louis Devasted and East St. Louis,
Ill., Partially in Ruins.

Many of the Best Blocks of the Mound
City Shattered—The Convention Hall
Wrecked—The Great Eads Bridge
Badly Damaged—Many
Steamers Wrecked.

St. Louis, May 28.—In that portion of St. Louis south of the Iron Mountain tracks and east of Sixth street to the river the scene was frightful, but it was nothing to compare with the scene along the levee, Broadway and the side streets. Every house had relatives and friends among the dead and injured. Husbands, fathers and brothers worked at night in the freight houses, on the boats and cars, and as those could not be found the anguish of the mothers, sisters and other relatives was heartrending. They would run from one temporary morgue to another, and in some instances push aside dead bodies in order to attempt to identify their relatives, and when found their cries would melt a heart of stone. Mother would behold the distorted features of an only son, while at another place some other member would find a missing father, brother or daughter. Miss Dean sat speechless in the car stables, while her dead father lay on some straw at her feet. Her mother was not far away and her two younger brothers lay mangled upon a door nearby. It was an awful spectacle, but it was duplicated over and over again. To add to the distress there was no light of any kind to be had. Several men guarded a number of bodies in the roadway, and oftentimes the sole survivor of one

family watched over the remains of the mutilated dead of some neighboring family in darkness and all alone. Mothers, sisters, fathers and brothers, some crying, others suppressing all emotion, dug for hours through the debris at the Vandavia freight depot and other places in a vain attempt to extricate some loved one buried there. Hundreds of people worked about the yards south of the bridge and many waded through water and slush in the ruins of the Martell and Tremont hotels. At nearly every step they encountered dead bodies, but in their anxiety they passed them in their search for the wounded. At four o'clock Thursday morning it was estimated that 200 are dead and 400 are wounded in East St. Louis and 55 persons are dead in the city of St. Louis.

The list of the dead and injured on the east side of the river will not be complete until hours of daylight permit effective search of the ruins. Enough is known, however, to show that more lives have been lost than upon the west side. The injured range in the hundreds. Perhaps the most impressive evidence of the storm clouds' force is to be seen in the wreckage of the eastern end of the Eads bridge. There the tornado dealt with stone masonry. It tore off and tumbled down tons upon tons of this masonry beginning with the big eastern pier and extending to the foot of the incline, the cloud cut off the upper part of the structure as if it had been a flimsy trellis instead of a structure of world-wide fame for massiveness. What the tornado did to the Eads bridge will not be believed unless the eyes see it. Fire added much to the loss on account of down wires, wild currents of electricity, crushed buildings. All contributed to this element of destruction. The alarm system was paralyzed. Approaches were blocked. A \$200,000 conflagration followed by a dozen lesser fires in East St. Louis. A mill was burned and other considerable losses were sustained. The hurricane from the northwest came before the business center of the city had begun to send its workers to its homes. Service on most of the street car lines was suddenly suspended. A thousand electric cars stood dark and deserted on the tracks while men and women toiled homeward through the rain.

Three boats of the Anchor line were in port. These were the City of Monroe, which was ready to leave for New Orleans. She had a large crew and about thirty-five passengers. She was badly wrecked in her upper works, taking across the river where she lodged at Chouteau avenue. It was reported that her passengers and crew were safe. The other two boats were the City of Cairo and the Arkansas City. They were moored at the foot of Chouteau avenue and Carroll

streets respectively. They were torn loose and no intelligence was received from them up to midnight. Being temporarily out of commission, they had but few employees aboard. This company also had a number of barges torn away and probably sunk. The St. Louis and Mississippi Valley Transportation Co. had two boats, the Exporter and Harvester, the best of the line, set adrift. One of the boats was reported to be sunk at the foot of Arsenal street. The Henry Lowrey, of this line, was left at the wharf, but it is damaged. No information concerning the employees could be obtained. The tug Rescue No. 2, belonging to the Wiggins Ferry Co., was reported to be sunk at the foot of Olive street.

Reported, but not verified, that 75 patients were killed in the collapse of a wing of the city hospital and that 60 workmen were killed in the wreck of Liggett & Myers' cigarette factory. Fifty tenement house residents at Seventh and Rutger streets, and 25 employees of Eppstein & Co., wholesale liquor house, are also reported killed.

A detailed statement of the damage to buildings is yet impossible to obtain. Hundreds of residences all over the city were either totally wrecked or badly damaged, and even the staunchest buildings in the city succumbed to the fury of the gale. Every flagstaff on the Auditorium building, where the republican convention will be held was broken and the pole on which the stars and stripes so proudly waved an hour before was blown off and the flag ripped into shreds. The east roof of the building was blown off. The flying boards shattered windows within a radius of 150 feet. The plaster on the roof was carried away. This caused many holes and crevices, through which the water poured and submerged the floor of the building. There is not much left of the roof at best, and it will have to be replastered and repaired. A couple of roof joists went through the south wall of the building, tearing in their path a space of four by fifteen feet and this was not through windows, but the solid portion of the wall. These two joists hung threateningly and were removed after the storm had abated. A 20-foot section of the western wall of the city jail blew down, exposing the interior. It was in the exercise hour, and nearly two hundred prisoners were in the "bull ring." They were too frightened to run, although escape would have been easy. Instead, they set up a yell of terror and voluntarily sought shelter in their cells.

The building on the corner of Second and Pine streets was blown clear over and its contents blocked the street. There is a telegraph pole sticking through a window of the old post office in Third street.

A man was mashed almost to death at the levee and Locust street. A mass of bricks fell upon him as he was fleeing to shelter. An ambulance was summoned and he was sent to the city dispensary, in an unconscious condition. Perin & Smith's printing establishment, on the southwest corner of Second and Vine streets, was blown into the middle of the street, being totally demolished. The east wall of the saloon at 600 Carr street was blown onto B. Colombani's bakery. At Seventh and Chouteau avenue a cubman was blown from his cab and almost instantly killed.

Three stories of the Coe Manufacturing Co.'s building, 9th and Gratiot, and nearly half of Wainwright's brewery were blown down. The Sumner high school, 11th and Spruce streets; T. T. McDermott's saloon, 11th and Gratiot; Hotel Emmet, on the opposite corner; Jere Sheehan's livery stable, 11th and Walnut, and Dr. Enno Sanders Mineral Co., 125-129 South 11th street were unroofed. The engineer at the Aetna Iron works, 21st and Papin streets, was almost instantly killed. The walls blew in and he was scalded to death by steam. The Consolidated wire works, Twenty-first and Papin streets, was almost totally wrecked. One of the boilers blew up and the cyclone did the rest. The great plant was almost wholly demolished. The tornado seemed to take a northwesterly course from Fourteenth and Gratiot streets to Jefferson avenue and Pine. As the storm cut through the railroad yards back of the Union station it turned over any number of freight and passenger cars and carried away the northwest corner of the Union depot grain elevator. This elevator is one of the largest in the city, and as the wreckage came down it crashed through the roofs of a half dozen deserted shanties. As the storm came on in its fury it struck the saloon at Twenty-first street and Clark avenue, owned by a man known to the police as "Steve Brodie." The whole east wall of that three-story brick structure was carried away, but as it fell it caught the heavy lines of electric wires and snapped them each in twain. Then came the crash, which buried two women.

Next to the saloon is Mrs. Gunn's grocery store. She and Germa McKenna were there alone, and as they were standing speechless under the fury of the storm, the west wall of "Brodie's" saloon came down through the roof of the grocery store. The women were crushed. The storm carried away the fronts of the brick dwellings at 3035, 3037, 3039 and 3041 Clark avenue, but none of the occupants were injured. Every tree was blown to the ground from Twenty-first street to Jefferson avenue. Over in Chestnut street a series of poles supporting heavy telegraph wires fell to the street. As they fell one of the poles shot through the side of one No. 30, of the Market street line, and knocked one man out of the back. His skull was split and he was broken and was taken to his home in Connecticut av-

enue. The car was wrecked.

The Planters' hotel lost several hundred panes of glass. Every room in the west side of the top floor was damaged. The ladies' ordinary at the Southern was damaged, the chef was cut in the head by pieces of glass and four other persons were injured. Every electric light on the court house was extinguished. The city hall windows are all smashed. Olive street, from Sixth to Fourteenth, is a mass of wreckage. Broken glass and splintered signs cover the pavements. The net work of live wires that dragged the ground free boded death to pedestrians. The storm was in its glory as it swept up Broad Twelfth street from Market to Washington avenue. Not a street sign was left in its place and wagons and vehicles were blown up against the store doors. St. Patrick's church, northwest corner of Sixth and Biddle streets, was badly damaged. The steeple was demolished and three bells fell into Biddle street, blocking that thoroughfare. The organ loft and organ are wrecked. The church was erected about fifty-four years ago at a cost of \$80,000. The damage sustained will foot up in the thousands. Sixth street, from Biddle to O'Fallon, is completely blocked with debris. The brick crowning of the saloon building on the southwest corner of Sixth and Carr streets blew off and struck a baker's wagon, demolishing the wagon and fatally injuring the boy who was driving.

The section of the city lying south of Chouteau avenue was very badly damaged. Soudard market was destroyed, and Lulu Stark, aged 20; Albert Berg, aged 34, and Philip Struble, aged 10 years, who were taking shelter under a porch, were buried under the ruins. They were rescued alive but severely bruised.

At about five p. m. the wind levelled to the ground the four-story stone front building 1700 South Broadway, and Louis Ottand, president of the Louis Ottand Furniture Co., John Berges and Gustav Lestner, bookkeeper, were buried in the ruins. The latter was rescued after an hour's hard work by the police and volunteers. He was severely bruised and his right arm broken.

At Chouteau and South Jefferson avenue, and the streets to the southeast of them, the scene of destruction was appalling. Many houses were reduced to piles of brick and lumber, the fronts of others were torn off and the resulting debris joined with the poles and wires to render the roadway impassable. This, with the total extinction of the electric lights, rendered it impossible to reach the injured with the ambulance or to convey the killed to the morgue.

The scene on Grand avenue from the fair grounds to Carondelet after the storm resembled the thoroughfare of a besieged city after a heavy bombardment by the enemy's guns. The street was strewn from one end to the other with whole trees and broken branches, broken telegraph, telephone and electric light poles that made traffic of every kind both tedious and dangerous in the darkness amid fallen wires, and it was with great difficulty that pedestrians wended their way along the sidewalks, which are strewn with debris of every description.

Chouteau avenue and Papin street, as far west as Jefferson avenue, suffered tremendously. The streets and pavements were covered with broken wires, timbers and glass. There was hardly a house or store on either street that was not damaged in one way or another. The building of Schickel, Harrison and Howard, at Twelfth and Chouteau avenue, was badly demolished. The sheds and smoke stacks were completely blown down. Gieren's drug store, at the northwest corner of Twelfth and Chouteau avenue, was gutted. The Sawyer Manufacturing Co., 1810 Chouteau avenue, was entirely demolished.

As morning broke the citizens of East St. Louis began the work of searching in the ruins for bodies, and the whole force of police and firemen was engaged in the same task. Nothing but estimates is yet available, but the information at hand justifies the belief that between 150 and 200 persons lost their lives, and \$750,000 worth of property was destroyed by Wednesday night's storm or by the fierce wind which followed. The destruction by the wind occupied but a few minutes.

At 11 o'clock Thursday morning 123 dead bodies had been found in East St. Louis. Of these 85 were identified and have been taken care of by their friends. The destruction to property in East St. Louis is estimated at over \$3,000,000. At noon Thursday a mass meeting was held in the Merchants' exchange to devise ways and means to alleviate the suffering caused by the flood and wind storm. Committees were appointed to solicit subscriptions, but no outside assistance will be asked.

Far down along the levee from the bridge wrecks of steamboats are found, and the following boats are known to have been sunk: S. C. Club, Henry Sockman, tug Rescue, Mulliken, Christy, Wiggins, Medill. All the wharves are gone and the Church ferry was the only boat not damaged.

At noon 56 identified and 19 unidentified bodies had been received at the morgue. There are, of course, many others at undertaking establishments. In East St. Louis it is now pretty certain that nearly two hundred persons lost their lives. All east or west bound trains from Missouri and Illinois are hours behind time on account of the blockade on the Eads bridge. There is some relief to the anxiety of friends in the knowledge that most of the steamboats have been reported safe at anchor with all their passengers. The anxiety of hundreds of mothers



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was relieved at 5:30 o'clock when the steamer Grand Republic anchored at the foot of Olive street.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.
Owing to the Wreck of the Exposition Building and the Wigwam, at St. Louis, it May Be Held in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 28.—The republican national convention may be held in this city next month. Architect Adler, who is the architect of the St. Louis wigwam, where the convention was to have been held, received word Thursday from that city, that both the wigwam and the exposition building were so badly damaged that to repair either place before June 10, the date set for the convention, would be a physical impossibility. The Illinois state central committee was therefore called into session and Chicago will be tendered to Chairman Carter, of the national republican committee, as the place to hold the republican convention.

"TIME TO QUIT JESTING."

With That Remark Randolph Gagg Suddenly Expired.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 28.—All Terre Haute is grieved over the death of Mr. Randolph Gagg, who suddenly expired Tuesday morning. His funeral will take place Thursday.

He was joking with members of his family two minutes before his death. Suddenly he placed his hand over his heart and said: "It is time to quit jesting now." Before his wife could reach his side he had breathed his last. He was one of the oldest merchants in the city.

OAKLAND, IND.,

Said to Have Been Nearly Destroyed by the Storm.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 28.—This city got the tail end of the storm that did so much damage through Illinois. No damage in the city is reported. News from Oakland City, Ind., says that city was nearly destroyed, and another from Mt. Vernon, Ind., says that town was badly damaged, with two, and perhaps more, fatalities.

Rush Hill, Mo., Destroyed by a Tornado.

CHICAGO, May 28.—Word reached the Chicago and Alton railroad office Wednesday evening that a cyclone had demolished the village of Rush Hill, Mo., 12 miles from Mexico, in Audrain county. The cyclone struck the town a few minutes before four o'clock, and blew down the schoolhouse, crushing the inmates. The report was to the effect that 50 pupils had been killed and a number injured.

Houses Unroofed at Bowling Green.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., May 28.—The mouth of Jasper neighborhood, this county, was visited by a terrific cyclone about 2 o'clock Thursday morning. Several houses were unroofed and orchards and forests laid waste. The damage to fruit trees will reach thousands of dollars in this county. No fatalities are reported yet, but several parties were slightly injured.

Barber Commits Suicide.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 28.—Charles E. Harris, aged 30 years, a barber by trade, committed suicide Wednesday afternoon by taking morphine at his home, and was found in a dying condition by his wife. He was despondent because he was out of work. He had brothers in Hartsville, Ind., Detroit and Kansas. The remains will be taken to Hartsville.

The Storm Visits Franklin, O.

FRANKLIN, O., May 28.—A heavy windstorm swept over this place between 12 and 3 o'clock Thursday morning. Electric light wires were blown down, trees uprooted and fruit trees ruined. The Eagle mill's roof was damaged to a considerable extent. The people were badly scared. One man in the country climbed down his well to escape.

Barn Fired by Incendiarist.

GALLIPOLIS, O., May 28.—The large barn of Isaac Boatman was fired by incendiaries, and valuable farm implements, besides hay and corn, were destroyed. Loss \$1,400.

Two Brothers Shot From Ambush.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., May 28.—George and Hustin Greene were shot from ambush in Hancock county, Tenn., 20 miles from here. There is no clew to the perpetrators.

Columbus Board of Trade Acts.

COLUMBUS, O., May 28.—A meeting of the local board of trade was held Thursday afternoon and action taken looking to the relief of the St. Louis sufferers.

Mayor Allen's Office.

COLUMBUS, O., May 28.—Mayor Allen, of this city, telegraphed to Mayor Walbridge, of St. Louis, offering any assistance in his power that might be needed.

Arrival and Departure of Trains.

B. & O. S. W.
DEPART—6:00 a. m., 10:40 a. m., 3:00 p. m., 4:55 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 11:25 p. m.
ARRIVE—3:05 a. m., 8:10 a. m., 12:25 p. m., 6:40 p. m., 8:55 p. m.

T. & O. C. Ex.
LEAVE—2:10 p. m., 9:00 a. m., 4:00 a. m.
ARRIVE—4:47, 12:15 p. m., 7:30 a. m.

C. & M.
LEAVE—6:25 a. m., 2:55 p. m.
ARRIVE—11:15 a. m., 7:05 p. m.

Z. & O.
LEAVE—6:20 a. m., 3:40 p. m.
ARRIVE—10:25 a. m., 5:55 p. m.

O. R. R. (Eastern Time.)
SOUTH—10:25 a. m., 7:10 p. m.
NORTH—11:15 p. m., 3:40, 7:25 a. m.

Boys' Shirt Waists

Too many of them; down goes the price for one week. From May 29th to June 5 you can buy any of our 25c waists for 19c; any of our 50c and 75c waists for 38 cents.

Men's Suits

Crash Suits the coolest suit known, and universally worn, price \$5.00. If you want a nice suit for a little money see our \$6.50 line.

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

P. S.—Boys usually wear two pairs of trousers to one suit; that's the reason we carry combination suits, two pair of trousers to each suit, and cap to match; price \$5 00

Seed Dealers Assign.
CHICAGO, May 28.—The Northrup, Braslan, Goodwin Co. made an assignment Thursday in the county court. The deed of assignment is silent regarding the liabilities, and places the assets at \$100,000. The company is one of the concerns engaged in the seed business here and in the west, with head offices in St. Paul.

Heavenly Tent Demolished.
ELWOOD, Ind., May 28.—A terrible wind storm swept over this city and vicinity for an hour Wednesday night, and a fall of 20 degrees in the temperature was recorded. Considerable damage was done. Light frame buildings were blown down, and the merry-go-round and "heavenly recruit" tents were demolished.

Piano Firm Fails.
NEW YORK, May 28.—Henry W. K. Wilson was Thursday appointed temporary receiver for Gildemeister and Kroeger, incorporated, pianos, in proceedings for voluntary dissolution of the concern. The company was incorporated in 1891 with a capital of \$40,000. Assets, \$100,000; liabilities, \$100,000.

He Swallowed Morphine.
LA PORTE, Ind., May 28.—John Sherman, of Wolcottville, committed suicide early Thursday morning by taking morphine. He awakened his family before midnight, bade them farewell and then swallowed the drug, death resulting several hours later.

A Tornado at Lancaster Pa.
LANCASTER, Pa., May 28.—A tornado struck Columbia, about ten miles from here, Thursday afternoon about one o'clock. The pudding mill of the Columbia rolling mill was blown down, and thus far 15 men have been taken out, one fatally hurt. A number of others are in the ruins. John Hughes, engineer at the electric light station, was instantly killed. Great damage was done to property.

Cincinnati Mayor's Message.
CINCINNATI, May 28.—Thursday morning Mayor Caldwell sent out the following telegram to Mayor C. P. Waldridge, of St. Louis: "Sympathy of all our citizens goes out to the stricken people of St. Louis. Anxious to render whatever assistance we can. Command me by wire at once."

The Wind at Winchester, Ind.
WINCHESTER, Ind., May 28.—A high wind visited this locality Wednesday night. Trees and fences were blown down and houses unroofed. A large plate glass in the Post Office block was broken into fragments.

We Are Still In The Push!

These are some of our Unsurpassed Bargains for this week:

MEN'S SUITS

\$6.75 Men's All Wool Suits in Blue and Black Cheviots, Cassimeres, and Scotch Tweeds, light, medium and dark colors. Linings, trimmings, fit and finish first class in every respect.

\$8.50 Equal to the best \$10.00 Suit shown elsewhere. All we ask is to come in and be convinced yourself. This lot comprises plain and fancy strictly All Wool Cheviots, Worsteds, Cassimeres, Homespun and Tweeds, Elegantly made and trimmed.

\$10.00 We will sell you a Suit equal to any shown elsewhere for \$12.00 or \$13.00. The materials are the choicest produced by all the renowned looms, and from every point of view they are garments such as fastidious dressers are wont to wear.

Long Pant Suits

\$4.00 Suits made from Blue and Black and Fancy Cheviot, stylishly cut, other stores sell them at \$6.00.

\$6.00 Elegant Suits, sizes 13 to 19 years, made from the choicest fabrics, perfect fit; none as good elsewhere under \$8.50.

\$7.50 Very choice Suits, the very best fabrics on the market; superb in every way, the newest styles and designs; others sell them at \$10.00

Short Pant Suits

\$1.75 Double Breasted Suits, strictly all wool materials, in light and dark mixtures, also plain blue.

\$2.50 Double Breasted Suits, sizes 4 to 14, very nobby, elegantly finished; same as others sell at \$3.50.

\$3.75 Double Breasted Suits, including Reefer, Prince, Imperial and Sailor Styles, all the latest spring patterns, faultless in every detail; others sell them at \$5.00.

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